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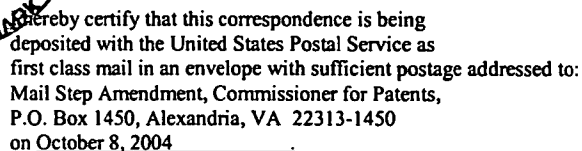
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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following reference for consideration by the Examiner. In particular the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) have been satisfied as shown by the enclosed payment of \$ 180 fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). A copy of the reference has been enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

**I. DISCLOSURE**

**A. Literature**

1) "Butler Group - E-Business," published by Butler Direct Limited, Vol. 2, April, 1999, pp. 31-33.

**II. DISCUSSION**

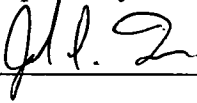
**A. Butler Group Reference**

The Butler Group reference was cited in an Office Action regarding a corresponding European patent application.

**III CONCLUSION**

It is not believed that the above reference, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the invention claimed. Applicants wish it to be known that the recitation of the above-mentioned reference should not be deemed an admission that it qualifies as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have this reference available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of the above-mentioned reference and make it of record.

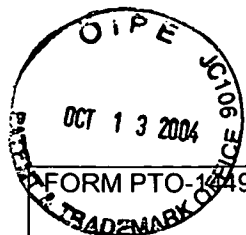
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LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (use several sheets if necessary)	SERIAL NO. 09/710,154	ACCENTURE CASE NO.: 01182-00/US OUR CASE NO.: 10022/18
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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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EXAMINER INITIAL	(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.				
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